

DETAILED ACTION

In response to a telephone conversation with Applicant's Attorney Donald Stout, please find attached a notice of references cited including the Lenormand reference (US Patent 5,253,529) as presented in the IDS which has now been considered and entered into the record of examination.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to MARK A. SHABMAN whose telephone number is (571)272-8589. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday 8:00AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hezron Williams can be reached on (571) 272-2208. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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